

Giovanni's Journal

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"The most important political office is that of the private citizen." -Louis Brandeis

Dear friends,

After redistricting lines were set in 2012, all 150 House Districts in Texas had roughly the same number of residents (the combined deviation of the most populous district and the least populous district from the ideal district population does not exceed 10 percent). House District 98, our district, has one of the highest voter turnouts in the state – in 2012 our vote total was #5 out of 150. After the end of early voting House District 98 leads the pack in Tarrant County with 29,076 votes, a full 6,000 votes more than the second highest district – and 23,000 votes more than the last place district! At the current pace, we could reach over 40% turnout overall. But that still means that most registered voters won't be participating.

I am preaching to the choir, I know. If you are reading this journal you have contacted our office in the past and you are most likely a voter. But the chances are high that half the adults you see before November 4th, won't be voting. In this newsletter, we include information to make it easier for you to vote – please share with your friends and neighbors!

One tool that I often use is the new Tarrant County Voter Lookup website: <https://gisit.tarrantcounty.com/VoterLookup/>. This website allows you to find your voting location and even download a sample ballot. As you go vote, please remember to bring your photo identification. While the courts have gone back and forth on this very recently, in this election you must bring acceptable identification.

Last month, I had the opportunity to meet with various groups in the area including the Grapevine-Colleyville Association of Retired School Employees, the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and residents interested in an update on road construction near John McCain/26. I also spoke to several local groups about the details of Proposition 1. We held our public testimony on the Lottery Commission in October. One interesting analysis that came from the meeting was that HD98 has one of the highest income per capita in the state and a low per capita purchase of lottery/scratch card tickets. That means that HD98 residents spend up to nine times less of their income in lottery tickets than residents elsewhere. The results of our study will be out next month and I will be sharing the details with you. In November, I will be focused on refining our legislative agenda for the next session – please let me know if there are critical items you believe that we should address in the upcoming 84th session.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve you in the Texas House.

Rep. Giovanni Capriglione

Thanks & Giving Back

As the holidays approach, we are reminded of how blessed we are. It's a great time to give back. These organizations are accepting donations this season:

The Keller Community Storehouse

www.communitystorehouse.org

817-431-3340

- Turkeys
- \$10-20 gift cards to local grocery stores
- Any monetary contributions

Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange (GRACE)

www.gracegrapevine.org

817-488-7009

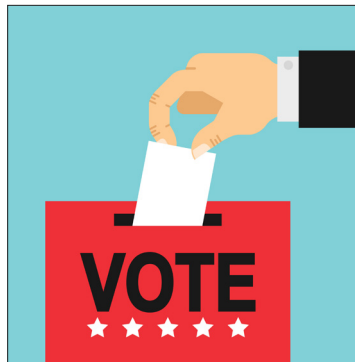
- Turkeys
- Canned green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, fruit, chicken broth, mushroom soup
- Instant potatoes, jello, gravy
- Cranberry sauce, instant stuffing
- 2 or 4 lb. bags of sugar and flour

Metroport Meals on Wheels

www.metroportmow.org

817-491-1141

- Gift cards to grocery stores
- Canned goods (especially tuna and soup), oatmeal
- Microwaveable dinners



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Election Day Polling Locations

Cast your vote on November 4th between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Tarrant County Voter Lookup shows election day polling locations for your precinct when you search for your voter registration:

<https://gisit.tarrantcounty.com/VoterLookup//>

Colleyville

First Baptist Church Colleyville
Colleyville Municipal Court Building
Colleyville Assembly of God Church
Covenant Church

Grapevine

Grapevine Church of Christ
Timberline Elementary School
Grapevine Convention Center
St. Francis Catholic Church
Dove Elementary School
Grapevine Elementary School
Dancing River Assisted Living Center

Southlake

Lonesome Dove Church
Southlake Town Hall
New Day Church
Carroll Senior High School

Keller

Keller Church of Christ
New Hope Lutheran Church
River of Grace Church
Hidden Lakes HOA Clubhouse
First United Methodist Church of Keller
Ridgeview Elementary School
Bear Creek Bible Church

Interns Needed for 84th Legislative Session

Our Capitol office is currently seeking interns for the upcoming legislative session. Responsibilities include constituent correspondence, legislative research, assisting with office duties, some administrative tasks, and supporting the office staff. We encourage residents of House District 98 to apply.

Applicants must be responsible, professional, and detail-oriented, with excellent written and oral communication skills and interest in the legislative process. Ideal candidates will be able to work well under pressure, and be self-motivated. The internship is unpaid, but can be used for academic credit.

Please submit a cover letter with availability and resume to courtney.roberts@house.state.tx.us by December 1. Decisions will be made by December 15. Contact Courtney Roberts with any inquiries at 512-463-0690.

November Events in District 98

- Nov. 1. Keller's **Public Safety Fall Festival** at the Keller Lion's Club Fairgrounds from 3-6 p.m. Meet members of Keller's law enforcement agencies, check out their equipment and vehicles, and enjoy refreshments and children's activities.
- Nov. 3. Westlake's **Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor** from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Living Room inside the Marriott Solana Hotel. Come by for a cup of coffee or tea, and visit about anything and everything related to Westlake.
- Nov. 3. **Westlake Baja**; an annual Westlake Academy Foundation event at Vaquero Club from 5-10 p.m. Don't miss out on the golf and tennis tournaments, cocktail party, live entertainment, and auction. This event's proceeds go to retain, recruit, and develop Westlake Academy teachers.
- Nov. 8. **Grapevine Veterans Parade** at 9 a.m., Main Street in Grapevine. Registration is closed, but volunteers may still be needed. Visit grapevineveteransparade.org for more information.
- Nov. 8. Southlake's **Concert in the Park** Featuring Johnny D & the Doo Wopps from 7:30-9 p.m. in Rustin/Family Park.
- Nov. 11. **Veteran's Day.**
- Nov. 14. The Womens Division of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce's 40th Annual Holiday Charity Event, **Holiday Hoedown**, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Austin Ranch at Hilton DFW Lakes for an evening of food, dancing, auctions, and raffles. Tickets are \$60 per person, and proceeds benefit GCISD. Tickets can be purchased through the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce.
- Nov. 15. **CPR certification class** at 2100 W. Southlake Boulevard 8 a.m. to noon. Registration is free, but you must sign up by contacting Renni Burt at 817-748-8349 or rburt@ci.southlake.tx.us. Certificate will be valid for two years. Participants must be at least 15 years old.
- Nov. 15. **The Hunger Games** in Southlake's Bob Jones Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in anticipation of the upcoming film, "Mockingjay." Participants will learn basic survival skills, with plenty of games mixed in to test the tributes' skills. Cost is \$30, and you can register at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/southlake>.
- Nov. 22. Southlake's **Home for the Holidays** Tree Lighting in Southlake Town Square at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy photos with Santa, carriage rides, children's activities, and more.
- **If you have a community event you'd like to appear in the next newsletter, please email courtney.roberts@house.state.tx.us.**



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